

East Budleigh with Bicton Parish News



Pair of Roe Deer out in the sun

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February view from the Vicarage ...

Dear friends,

March is traditionally the time when we start to welcome spring. The daffodils are starting to emerge, the clocks go forward an hour (on the 26th), lighter mornings and evenings make life a little easier – especially if you suffer from S.A.D. (seasonal affective disorder) like I do. Not terribly mind you, but enough to make a noticeable difference. Sunlight makes you feel better, lighter and gives you more energy.

Just to underline the fact, I see I have meetings with wedding couples in my diary and just to further ram home the point that spring is about new life we celebrate Mothering Sunday on the 19th March.

That brings together all these themes into one package – flowers, motherhood, gratitude for life and continual love and nurture.

No wonder that is the day for our third “Funfaith” event - our new junior church event.

Of course, not everyone can celebrate that event. This can be a painful day for women (and men) that couldn't conceive a child and for others who had a less than ideal relationship with their mothers, but we acknowledge that we are celebrating an ideal that for whatever reason not everyone can partake fully. With anything positive, there is always a shadow side. I always try to acknowledge that in any celebration that I am involved in.

This is a time when it is good to count our blessings, when the natural cycle itself seems to be telling us that not everything is doom and gloom, the future is open and new life and light are coming our way.

We don't hibernate like some animals do, but perhaps many of us do metaphorically. Everything, life itself can be “on hold” during winter but now it is time to shake off those winter blues and enjoy and appreciate life.

Love and peace,

Martin

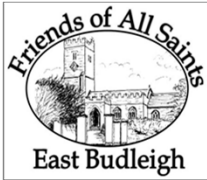
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Friends of All Saints East Budleigh

Our purpose is to raise funds towards the maintenance of our ancient church and chutchyard

As mentioned previously, the next major focus for the Friends of All Saints is the annual Scarecrow Festival to be held on the weekend of 10/11 June this year. Get the date in your diary!

We have had the initial planning meeting for the festival already but would absolutely welcome anyone who would like to join the Committee and help run this event. If you feel you would like to be involved, please do email us at friendsofallsaintschurch.as@rmcommunity.co.uk

This year marks the 20th Anniversary and we would especially welcome any ideas for new events or activities that contribute to an enjoyable weekend for everyone.

There are many ways of contributing to our fundraising and many people already invest £12 a year in our 200 Club. Every month we have a draw with cash prizes of £40, £20 and £10 to be won each month! We had over 30 different winners throughout last year.

Please see the 200 Club form in this magazine should you wish to take up this option – by the time you read this it will only be £10 for the rest of 2023. You need to be in it, to win it!!!

Buckingham Palace has announced Coronation Plans

Buckingham Palace has published these details about the Coronation weekend, which takes place from Saturday 6 to Bank Holiday Monday 8 May this year. There are good opportunities for everyone to mark the occasion and enjoy community events:

Saturday 6 May: The Coronation of King Charles III takes place at Westminster Abbey. All Saints East Budleigh will livestream the broadcast of the Coronation free on the big screen and everyone is invited to come and watch. Details to follow.

Sunday 7 May: All Saints East Budleigh will hold a service of thanksgiving at 9.30am. East Budleigh Village will hold a Coronation Big Lunch Street Party to share “food and fun” together. Details to follow. All invited.

Monday 8 May: Everyone is invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which encourages people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. More details to follow.

Friends of All Saints 200 Club Raffle

The Friends of All Saints, East Budleigh, invite you to join our 200 Club Raffle with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize (£40 first, £20 second and £10 third prize). We hope you might find it fun to be in with a chance to win back your annual investment and maybe more or, perhaps, you might like to buy tickets as gifts for friends or family!

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200 Club December Winners

1st - Mrs P Kurowski 2nd - Judith Pearce 3rd - Mr C Yeats

From the Register...

February 12th. Interment of the ashes of Alice Rowland..

Next edition of the Parish News

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Roger Conant Club

2023 represents the 400th anniversary of the year when Roger Conant left England for America with his family. While he is little known in the UK, in America he is respected as an important person in 17th Century American history. Particularly, he is remembered as the Founder of Naumkeag (later renamed Salem (Massachusetts)) in 1626. A tolerant and peace-loving man in a period of religious and political extremism, Roger Conant sought to resolve disputes amicably and to mutual satisfaction. It is noteworthy that, in America today, he is respected for the good relationship that he had with the indigenous population.

To commemorate the anniversary of Roger Conant's departure from these shores, the Roger Conant Club commissioned a Blue Plaque to mark the event. Our MP, Simon Jupp, inspected the finished article in January (photos and captions in the February issue of this Magazine). The Plaque (the first of its kind in East Budleigh) will be installed on the wall of All Saints Church Hall close to the millstone. Simon Jupp has agreed officially to unveil the Plaque on 12th May.

EB Magazine readers are most welcome to attend the unveiling. Wine, soft drinks and 'nibbles' will be provided in the Church Hall from 6.30 p.m. onwards. A 'Conant Dinner' at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub is being organised for the evening of the same day. Further details of the latter event will appear in this Magazine and elsewhere shortly.

In January the Roger Conant Club was most pleased to be awarded a generous Grant of £500 from Lord Clinton's Trust in order to secure a partnership with Drake's School to promote an interest in the history of East Budleigh in the 17th century.



Photograph: Peter Bowler
Left to Right: Chair of the Club Stan Roberts, Simon Jupp MP, Vicar Martin Jacques

Stan Roberts

Budleigh Community Larder.

A huge thank you for the generous donations of food products that regularly appear in the box outside our Community Shop.

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East Budleigh with Bicton Women's Institute

At our February meeting we had a cheese tasting, where we got to compare various different cheeses and decide what they were from a basic description. Some were old favourites such as cheddar and brie, but others included blues from Cornwall and Yorkshire, and a (not terribly popular) vegan smoked "cheese".

For our next meeting, on Thursday 9th March at 2pm, we welcome Andrew Chatterton who will speak about Women in the British Resistance. Those of you who heard Andrew at the Literary Festival will know that he is an excellent speaker. Guests (men as well!) are very welcome to come to this meeting – the cost for guests is £5, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month in East Budleigh Village Hall at 2pm and finish around 4pm. We are always happy to see visitors, so do come along and join us.

If you want to find out more about our WI then please contact our President Diana Humphreys via email: dianajeanh@hotmail.com or phone 07768 529352, or look at our website: <https://eastbudleighwithbictonwi.org>

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Our Churchyards...

Churchyard Working Party

In February, we had eight volunteers and managed to complete the essential works.

The next three Churchyard Working Party dates are Friday: 17 March; 21 April; and 19 May.

All are welcome so come and join us and we will find a task to suit you. We start around 10.00 with a coffee break at 11.00 ... biscuits and/or cake as well!

If you can't make a Friday but could spend an hour or two, please let us know and we can find you a suitable task or two.

Wild Daffodils

At this time of year, the yellow trumpets of daffodils brighten up even the dullest spring day. Most of what we see are planted garden varieties, but a real treat is to find wild daffodils (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*).

Once widespread, the wild daffodil is now much rarer, having mysteriously declined during the 19th century. It now has a disjointed distribution – for instance it is found mainly in south Devon, pockets of the Black Mountains in Wales, stretches of the Gloucestershire-Herefordshire border country, the Sussex Weald, Farndale in Yorkshire, and the Lake District. Elsewhere, even in suitable habitat, it only occurs in small patches, many miles apart. For example, in churchyards.

How to spot a wild daffodil: The wild daffodil is smaller than horticultural varieties, with paler petals and a deeper yellow trumpet-like tube. The leaves are grey/green, flattened and around 15mm wide. It is relatively short (30-35cm) and forms clumps which carpet the ground. A top tip by expert Mick Crawley is that unless there are several hundreds of them looking particularly small and washed out, they probably aren't wild!

We are pleased to say that we have many wild daffodils growing under the Lyme tree by the Yettington Road gate. A few years ago, a couple of ladies specifically came to our Churchyards on Saint David's Day, 1st March, to see our display of wild daffodils!

Magnificent Yews (part 2)



In February's article we discovered that ancient and veteran yew trees (*Taxus baccata*) are threatened globally – and that it is within the churchyard boundaries of England and Wales that many have found sanctuary. Yew specialists and enthusiasts from all over the world travel to these special sites to marvel at our magnificent yews – many of which have been growing for over 1000 years. At the end of the write-up, we posed the question, “So why is it that churchyards have become the sanctuary for these magnificent trees in a global context?”

Our Churchyards...

One theory is all about winning friends and influencing people. When Augustine came to bring Christianity to Britain in 597 AD he was given the task of bringing the Pagan faiths to an end in a sympathetic and sensitive way. In 601, Pope Gregory suggested that places of pagan worship could simply be converted into Christian churches. The Pagans had long revered the yew tree as symbolic of death and rebirth and used their branches and foliage for ceremonial occasions. So, Augustine and his followers headed to where Pagans were already gathering, near yew trees, and, rather than replacing the yew with a church, they simply built a church next to it. This symbology was incorporated into Christian traditions. It meant that existing yews were protected and, as Christianity ran parallel to Paganism in the early stages, yews were planted in churchyards as Christianity spread. It seems that many existing ancient and veteran churchyard yews were planted around the time of the Christian consecration of the churchyards in which they stand - these may be as old as Saxon or Norman but many are more recent depending on when the church was built.

These churchyard yews were often protected more than yews in the wider countryside. For example, it is said that when Henry IV ordered his royal bowyer 'to cut down yew or any other wood for the public service' he explicitly exempted the estates of the religious orders. In tenth-century Wales, the penalty for cutting down a consecrated yew was one pound – far more than most people earned in a lifetime!

If you are interested in discovering more about yews there is a 'Guide to Ancient and Veteran Churchyard Trees' on <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/resources/veteran-trees/>, and the Ancient Yew Group website: <https://www.ancient-yew.org>.

The Ancient Yew Group have provided guidelines on the classification of veteran and ancient yews: Ancient: 800 years old or more, or with a girth of 7 metres (23 feet) or over - the girth of a tree is usually measured at 1.3 metres (4 feet 3 inches) height; and Veteran: Over 500 years old, and may be up to 1200 years with a girth of 4.9 metres (16 feet) or more.

The Ancient Yew Group does have an entry for East Budleigh recorded on May 2000: "The churchwardens accounts of 1686 have an entry for 'putting up ye seat about ye yew tree' (Cornish). We found no trace of yew or Iseat."

Based on measuring the circumferences of our yews at 1m above ground level, we estimate that the one by the Tower is about 300-350 years old and the one by the Porch about 300.

Do visit and enjoy the Churchyards – wonderfully welcoming, peaceful places for quiet contemplation and mindfulness and a haven for wildlife.

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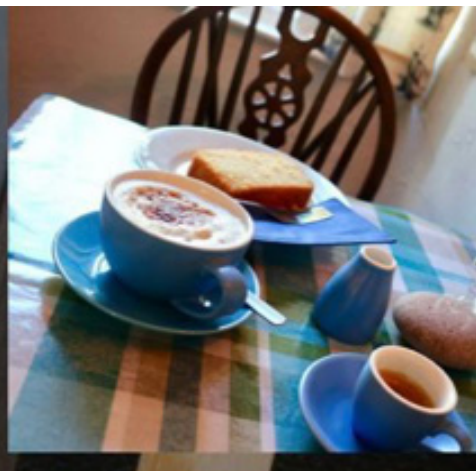
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Wildlife Photographs and words - David White

Clockwise from top left: Common Gull, scarce bird in our neck of the woods with yellowish green legs, Greenshank, Frog croaking, probably looking for a mate, Red Admiral my first butterfly of the year, Grey Lag Geese





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The heavy rains before Christmas have been pleasingly absent in the last couple of months, giving way to dry and sometimes frosty weather. And snow – we spent a Wednesday morning in January working while it was snowing all over us, using chainsaws and hand tools. They were character building conditions, and we were joined by brand new volunteers who returned the following week undeterred.

The drier conditions make our winter scrub work a little easier all round: less muddy clothing to dry out at the end of the day, easier underfoot without the need for wellies, easier to drive around the reserves; in wet weather we'd soon ruin many of our tracks so we avoid those that are saturated, muddy or steep. Excess rain and mechanical disturbance (as well as footfall and mountain bikes) all contribute to erosion. Also a prolonged dry spell provides us with a window to do some swaling. This intervention is only possible in winter, outside the breeding season, and when the vegetation is dry enough to burn. Some years we'll have no such window of dry weather, with the right sort of wind, or perhaps our work schedule or resources don't accommodate it.

Swaling is the controlled burning of standing heathland vegetation. We have bonfires to dispose of our cut scrub sometimes but swaling involves setting light to the ground vegetation instead. In lowland heathland management, we burn small areas at a time, perhaps 20m by 20m. If done right, in ideal conditions, it may look dramatic but the moving line of fire is slow. We begin the fire downwind so that it burns slowly and well, against the wind, and we mow fire breaks around the area. When the wind is too gusty or fast it may be too risky so we can't do it. But if there's no breeze at all, it can be hard to get it going. The idea is that the vegetation above ground is burned out and we create the equivalent of a scrape, with less soil disturbance. Often we'll choose areas

where tractor or bulldozer work would be tricky, because swaling is a great solution there. In the spring, the area recovers with green shoots from the gorse and heather, as well as creating space for seedlings to germinate. It's an immediately destructive intervention, as many of our management tools are, but in the following 5/10 years, it provides valuable pioneer habitat within the landscape. We can use swaling to open up areas and regenerate them in ways we wouldn't otherwise be able. Sometimes our grazing animals can do this too, but if it's too dense they simply don't bother going in. As with all our winter scrub work on the heaths (which this counts as), we dot about, we don't just hit one big area. We are always aiming to create that useful buzzword in conservation land management – a mosaic. Within a lowland heathland site, that habitat mosaic looks like a mix of different age structures, with a percentage of bare ground, ideally relatively small in scale because many of our specialist species (eg the silver studded blue butterfly, adders, invertebrates of all sorts) will not easily roam and colonise new areas far apart.

At the beginning of the year we began a new Countryside Stewardship agreement, and we have started work for this, including some scrub clearance in the less-visited St Marys in the Willows and also Manor Common. We have undertaken an agreement with the land owner to manage Manor Common and one of the first stages of this will involve fencing it so that we can start to increase the grazing with native breeds of cows and ponies (Dartmoors and Exmoors). Grazing is probably the single most valuable intervention we have in managing heathland for wildlife. We can only throw so much petrol and diesel at it, with our chainsaws and tractors. We've talked about it before, but heathland is a landscape of the pastoral economy, which itself is now defunct on much common land like ours, so we must strive to emulate its workings because within southern England especially, it has come to be relied upon almost exclusively by so many specialist species such as Dartford warbler and nightjar.

The East Budleigh History (EBHG)

The East Budleigh History Group (EGHG) met on Monday 30 January 2023 at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub. The group aims to make local history accessible to all people in East Budleigh. The meeting was pleased to welcome Mary Turner, Secretary of the Lypstone History Society to talk about how the Society cares for the curation of historical artefacts.

Lypstone History Society was formed some 35 years ago, growing out of an informal council planning consultancy group. The Society supports local history research and maintains a locked store of artefacts, available to view on request. Parish Council Records are held at the Devon Record Office at the Devon Heritage Centre, Sowton which offers free storage but then charges for copies when required. Indentures (legal documents) and the donation of artifacts require permission to send to the Devon Record Office. The Lypstone History Group has developed a Collections policy to help determine which donations to accept, which to keep or not keep. Their Collections policy was produced in collaboration with Topsham Museum and the Society has kindly shared their policy which will assist the EB History Group in their own review.

Most items held by the Society are copies of documents and photographs of display boards which have been used in local exhibitions. These are recorded by number, location, item description, size, date, donor details and categorised by People, Land and Building, Events, Programmes of Events and the Military Archive (uniform, buttons, coins) in total, some 700 entries, accessible to members or on request.

There are photos of local shops, the church, pub and places of interest. The project "I live here" shows photos of people outside their houses. Other records include photos of family trees. The photos are high-quality and allow you to zoom in on a quality image. These records are stored on a laptop and backed up for security.

The Society also holds a library of books about things of interest to Lypstone plus cut-glass bowls used locally, original paintings and prints of local scenes and characters. The tithe map for 1839, the apportionment document, shows field number, land owners, occupier, description, arable or meadow details.

The Lypstone History Society's artefacts are stored in the Lypstone village hall. The Lypstone Parish council funds the rental of the room £200 and then £200 to maintain the archive. The Society has 100 members, mostly life members and a committee of 7 people. The Lypstone History Society supports a trail map where blue QR Codes take you to the council website to view the history details.

The next EB History Group will take place at 1.30pm on Monday 27 February at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub when the group will welcome their guest from the Topsham Museum Society to discuss their Acquisition and Disposal Policy and their Collections Development Policy. The April meeting will take place at the later time of 4pm on Monday 17 April at the Sir Walter Raleigh pub. The EB History Group will host a zoom presentation on Roger Conant by author Ben Shallop zoomed live from Salem, Massachusetts, USA following the publication of his new book on Roger Conant and his time as Governor there. All are welcome to attend this free event.

East Budleigh Community Shop

Newsletter No. 150 – March 2023

ANNUAL REPORT

This has been another successful year for our community shop. We have managed to consolidate the increase in revenue we achieved during lockdown and, I believe play an important role in the life of our village. Our success is down to 3 key factors. Our hard working management team, our army of volunteers and our customers continue to support us.

My first task is to thank our management team of Mel Ferrers, Anne Davies, and Clive Moorhead for their continued hard work and commitment to making sure that the village has a community shop to be proud of. Clive joined us during the year, as a replacement for Cathy Walters who did a good job stepping in after Liz left, and quickly mastered the requirements of the role to make a full contribution. Mel and Jim are off on an extended holiday to Australia later this year so I am very please to let you know that Sally Tresidder has agreed to cover for Mel during her absence. She is already well on with her training and I am confident that the management team will ensure it's business as usual.

In this financial year, our sales totalled £256,708 (£252,938 last year) a small increase – although with price increases in the year that probably represents a small reduction in volume. The average sales per transaction remains at around £7.50 per customer visit. Gross profit has been very similar to last year £45,720 (£45,805 last year). After meeting all our overheads, we achieved a profit of £3,969 (£3,123 last year). Our cash balance has grown by around £5,000 to £38,615 largely because depreciation (£4,389) is a charge in the Profit and Loss account but doesn't result in cash leaving the business

I want to thank the customers who recognise the value the shop brings to our community and continue to support us. Everyone is feeling the effects inflation which has been high in the grocery sector. The management team try hard to apply price increases sensitively and have endeavoured to keep the price of daily essentials affordable by not always passing on the full price increases imposed by our suppliers.

A big thank you must go to all those who volunteer to help the shop and give so freely of their time. Many work behind the counter providing a warm welcome and friendly face to our customers, others provide much needed support in other areas to ensure the smooth running of the shop. It is very encouraging that we continue to be able to recruit new volunteers when people leave. I would also like to thank my fellow committee members who just get on with their appointed roles making my life very easy.

Our solar panels continue to produce an excellent return on our investment and significantly reduced our energy costs. We were fortunate to have signed a fixed price electricity contract which sadly ends in May and even more fortunate that our supplier has remained in business for the full term of the agreement. Our electricity costs will increase next year when that agreement comes to an end but we are looking at ways to mitigate that increase.

Paul Smith Chair of Management Committee

Please note: This is an abridged version of the Annual Report. A number of options for using the shop's surplus for the good of the community were outlined for discussion at the AGM. The next newsletter will include a report on the decisions taken by our members.

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Sadly, I have to report the death of Parish Councillor Mike Smith. He battled bravely with illness for many months. As a Parish Councillor since 2007, he worked hard on behalf of residents, to represent their views and in particular to educate dog owners on cleaning up, in order to keep our paths and green spaces clean. Our condolences to his partner, Rosy.

We are all concerned at the ever-increasing appearance of potholes. These will only be mended by Devon County Council if they have a sheer side of at least 40mm and a width of at least 300mm (12 inches). You can help by reporting some yourself. Just google “Devon County Council Report a Pothole” and upload a photograph. Or go to www.devoncountycouncil/roadsandtransport and click on Report a Problem. If you place a ruler beside the pothole, this will help with proving the size. You can also see whether someone has already reported it, and add your name, so you are notified when it is repaired. Ideally, it would be great if someone would volunteer to be a Village Warden, who could be provided with the necessary equipment and fill the holes for us. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Hopefully the cold weather will have passed by the time this edition is published, but for your information, there are grit/salt bins at the bottom of Russell Drive and the top of Wynards Road. Judith Venning; clerk@eastbudleigh-pc.gov.uk 01395 489155



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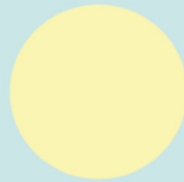
Every four years, our Parish Councillors have to stand for election or re-election. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk for the application form. All applications must be delivered as hard copy by 4th April 4.0pm at the latest. Election Day will be 4th May 2023. No election will take place for our Parish unless there are more than ten applications, in which case a public ballot will take place.

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Mill Water School

Preparation for *their* best future

Mill Water School Celebrates New Playgrounds After Successful Fundraising Campaign.



With Spring on its way, pupils at Mill Water School in East Budleigh are reaping the benefits of major new playground transformations after huge fundraising success.

More than £60,000 has been raised through a combination of generous grant donations and community fundraisers, allowing for the phased redevelopment of once bare and unimaginative concrete spaces.

The school's 120 pupils with special needs adore the colourful and dynamic new outdoor spaces, which are specially designed to meet their physical, social, curriculum and well-being needs.

Mill Water educates pupils, aged 3 to 19, with severe and complex learning difficulties. The school moved from Honiton to its purpose-built site in the grounds of Bicton College in 2015, with facilities including a hydrotherapy pool, sensory rooms and specialist classrooms. Whilst the school's orchard area and outdoor learning facilities have developed organically since then, its other outdoor spaces lacked the stimulation needed to help pupils meet their EHCP outcomes. So a fundraising campaign was launched for the much-needed make-over.

Now it has a wheel-chair swing, bespoke cycle track and a vibrant new Early Years playground, with a climbing tower, trim-trails and water features. Most recently, a bare quadrant space was transformed into an outdoor exercise area, with a sunken trampoline and static physio equipment. New permanent canopy structures have also been installed, providing shade and protection from the elements.

Headteacher Sarah Pickering said: “The children absolutely love the new facilities. The difference has been incredible. Our pupils have a very broad spectrum of abilities and needs. This major project has ensured that we cater for everyone. It includes soft rubber-crumble floorings and artificial grass, as well as a cycle track and gym equipment for our more physically able pupils. It has also greatly enhanced the provision of the clubs that we run during the school holidays. We are extremely grateful for the phenomenal support that the school has received.”

Significant funding came from the children’s rugby charity, Wooden Spoon, which donated £11,000 towards a new wooden tower and play zone within the Early Years playground. Its members recently visited to unveil a ‘Wooden Spoon Play Area’ plaque and its chair Roger Haywood said: “We are delighted to support such a worthy school. Seeing the children enjoying the new play area is wonderful.”

Liz Low, of the Norman Family Charitable Trust, also visited to see the revamp. The Trust kindly donated £10,000 to the Early Years project and a further £5,000 to the outdoor gym equipment. Further substantial donations of £10,000 were made by both the Garfield Weston Foundation and Devon County Council’s Small Grants Scheme, plus £12,000 from the Bailey Thomas Charitable Trust and £2,000 from the Gibbons Family Charitable Trust. Support also came from Mill Water’s families and local community, included a £1,500 donation from the business Naked Wine (where a parent works) and £600 raised from a quiz night at local East Budleigh pub The Sir Walter Raleigh.

Mill Water School is always looking to forge links with its local community and to create inclusive practical opportunities that help its pupils to gain experiences that will help to prepare them for their best futures. It is also a significant local employer. To learn more about Mill Water, or if you are interested in working at the school, please visit our website www.millwater.devon.sch.uk or email info@millwater.devon.sch.uk

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The Former Little Otters will be holding a fundraising Jumble sale in support of the Budleigh Community Larder who continue to feed local folk experiencing hardship with hot meals & food from the larder..

The Jumble Sale will take place on Saturday 4th March at East Budleigh Village Hall between 10 - 12.00. If you have Jumble to donate please either bring to the Hall from 9.00 on the morning or phone Fran for a collection (568732). Do come along and support this worthy cause and grab a bargain.

Christian response to Eastern Europe..... CR2EE

For many years I have made recycled cards for this charity and you have been so diligent in donating your old greetings cards to me but the time has come for me to stop. A few are still bought by visitors to the church but people's tastes are more sophisticated these days so I have decided to call a halt. Thanks to all of you who over the years have dropped your cards in the box.

Janet

We had a surprise letter from Families for Children charity to say that it was closing down. Three main reasons were that there has been a drop in the number of children available for adoption due to Regional agencies multiplying and voluntary agencies, as in families for children, thus having fewer children wanting adoption. Also the pressing reason being lack of money.

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Budleigh Salterton Lions Club

Hearts for Hospiscare

To help families feel connected and to provide comfort at times when it is needed most the Hospiscare staff at the ward in Exeter have beautiful pairs of knitted or fabric hearts. They give one to the patient and one to their loved one.

Following a call out to local 'crafters' from the nurses that they need more, Budleigh Salterton Lions Club has responded.

Lions Kim Holmes, Tom Miner and Kathy Fox held a crafting afternoon to start making 'hearts for Hospiscare' along with friends, family and residents at Stanley Mews retirement accommodation in Budleigh Salterton .

The heart's ideal size is 5-7cm in diameter, pairs made in the same material, loosely tied together with ribbon so they can be easily separated when handing them out to patients and loved ones.

A number of the Lions are donating materials and some of the hearts were brought to the Lions Club meeting on Tuesday so that other members could see them and start making their own.

The Club has delivered nearly 50 pairs of hearts so far and there will be more to follow. Toni Hiscocks who has been working as Hospiscare's fundraiser for the East Devon area for almost eight years was delighted with them and said "don't underestimate how much the hearts mean to people, they really do make a difference" . She helps raise funds for the Devon charity that offers medical advice, end of life care and support for those with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Most of Hospiscare care is delivered in the patients' own home or at community hubs. If someone needs extra support, they might be referred to Searle House in Exeter where Hospiscare has a 12-bed ward, which offers 'round the clock' care. It means they will be cared for by a team of specialists, and someone will always be close by if needed. For more information please visit www.hospiscare.co.uk .

Budleigh Lions Club have supported and made a number of donations to Hospiscare over many years. The Budleigh Salterton & District Hospiscare team will be having a coffee morning during the Budleigh Lions Gala Week at the end of May. Further details will be included in the Gala Week programme which will be printed next month.

If you would like to get involved and make a difference in the community please do get in touch via the Lions' website www.budleighlions.com or email bslionsclubsecretary@gmail.com.





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As spring approached us, we look forward to a busy March in the SWR. We of course have the usual Live Music night on Monday 6th and the regular monthly quiz on Monday 20th.

A big thank you to Paul and Jim for continuing to support the pub in hosting these events.

We also have Mother's Day on Sunday 19th so please book early to avoid disappointment. Two other events are planned in March as well. On Friday 17th we are planning on celebrating St Patrick's day in style. We are hoping to have live music in the pub that night and a street food menu for everyone to enjoy.

To end the month, we have the big anniversary of the community owning their pub for one year. We have booked a DJ and will celebrate in style with music and another street food menu. The date for this is Saturday 25th so please keep that date free and join us to party the night away. We can't believe it has been 12 months since we reopened the pub, it has been very challenging due to circumstances out of our control but overall, it has been a massive success and we hope to have another busy 12 months.

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Sunday lunch bookings from 12 – 4pm, 19th March

Jim's Big Quiz Night – teams of 4, all proceeds to local charities

Monday night, 20th March

1st Anniversary Party of our Community Pub.

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Saturday night, 25th March

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Exeter Philharmonic Choir is delighted to be joined in this musical adventure by approximately 40 boys and girls aged under thirteen from the Devon County Junior Choir. The children will be involved in four movements of this challenging work, which demands great versatility from performers.

The 17th-century Italian musical prodigy Claudio Monteverdi wrote his Vespers (an ancient form of evening prayer) as a magnificent representation of early Baroque music. The full forces of choirs and orchestra, including blazing trumpets, herald the opening, followed by varied movements featuring choir, orchestra, children's choir and six soloists in different combinations.

Many of the movements require the singers to divide into two choirs, as some 'rhythmic battling' takes place. What makes this piece especially challenging and different from other large choral works is the constant interweaving of orchestra and soloists, which requires huge concentration and understanding of the musical score.

Exeter Philharmonic Choir's conductor, Musical Director Howard Ionascu says, "Each movement has its own style and character, and the audience will experience different aural effects as the musicians vary their singing positions to make the most of Exeter's Cathedral's splendid acoustics. EPC is delighted to welcome the young singers of Devon County Junior Choir, directed by Andrew Downton, whose clear treble voices play the crucial part of the 'ripieno' choir. It's a wonderful thing to have these young musicians so fully involved in the concert."

The two choirs will be joined by six outstanding soloists who have performed this work many times around the world: Amy Carson, Kirsty Hopkins, Peter Davoren, Mark Dobell, Robert Davies and Benjamin McKee. Their solo parts demand both precision and virtuoso singing.

His Majestys Sagbutts & Cornetts is a group of virtuoso wind players who specialise in playing Renaissance and Baroque music in historically appropriate styles on original instruments. The noble sounds of sackbuts and cornetts were among the most versatile instrumental colours available to composers in Monteverdi's day. The instruments are not only fascinating to listen to but also intriguing to look at.

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Tuesday 7th March – 10.00am – driving + walking 6.5 miles.

‘Hillforts Explorer’

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A series of 20-minute drives followed by ‘shortish’ walks, some level, some steep and rugged, to visit five or six Iron-Age Hillforts in East Devon and West Dorset. Total driving 55 miles, total walking 6.5 miles.

Bring coffee and packed lunch. If visibility is excellent, and time permits, optional extension on the return journey to visit Hembury Fort.

Walk Leader: Haylor Lass 01395 568786

Wednesday 15th March – 10:00a.m – Walk – 5½ miles. 3 hours.

‘Salcombe Hill Circular’

Meet: Salcombe Hill NT CP (OS 115, SY139 882)

A walk along the South West Coast Path to Dunscombe Cliffs and returning inland via Salcombe Regis. Some steep ascents and descents. Bring a flask for a coffee stop.

Walk leader: Graham Knapton 01395 445872.

Thursday 23 March – 10.00am – circa 6 miles. 3.5 hours

‘A mid Devon walk from Bickleigh Mill’

Meet: Bickleigh Mill overflow car park nr Tiverton EX16 8RG (OS 114, GR 938 074).

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March				
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Thursday 2nd	9.30			Moming Prayer
Sunday 5th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 5th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 5th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 5th	11.00			Moming Prayer
Tuesday 7th	9.30		Moming Prayer	
Wednesday 8th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 9th	9.30			Moming Prayer
Sunday 12th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 12th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 12th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 12th	11.00			Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	18.00	Choral Evensong		
Tuesday 14th	9.30		Moming Prayer	
Wednesday 15th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 16th	9.30			Moming Prayer
Sunday 19th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 19th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 19th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 19th	11.00			Holy Communion
Tuesday 21st	9.30		Moming Prayer	
Wednesday 22nd	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 23rd	9.30			Moming Prayer
Sunday 26th	8.00	Holy Communion BCP		
Sunday 26th	9.30		Holy Communion	
Sunday 26th	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday 26th	11.00			Holy Communion
Tuesday 28th	9.30		Moming Prayer	
Wednesday 29th	9.30	Holy Communion		
Thursday 30th	9.30			Moming Prayer
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